

## Readings for January 13

**A**ll were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. (Luke 3:15)

The people who had come to hear John the Baptist were expecting something explosive. A prophet had arisen who would denounce all the enemies, all the “bad guys” who made life hard for everyone else. Maybe he was the Christ, the Messiah, come to cast out the Romans and their henchmen and restore Israel to its former glory.

But then came Jesus. A small-town carpenter who spent his time with the powerless and the sinful. The Spirit came upon him instead—not a fiery preacher calling out people’s sins, but a humble man preaching love of enemies. Surely people were caught off guard.

Jesus came “to open the eyes of the blind,” not to cast the bad guys into hell (Isaiah 42:7). He came “to bring out prisoners from confinement,” not to punish people for their sins (42:7). He came to take away our sins so that we could learn to love one another—good guy and bad guy alike.

When you hear this reading today, close your eyes and picture the scene. Picture John immersing Jesus into the Jordan River—a river that had received the sins of all who had come for baptism. Imagine Jesus accepting all of those sins and every sin that they represent.

For the next three years, Jesus will bear these sins, along with the sins of everyone else he comes into contact with. And still bearing those sins, he will teach us about his Father’s mercy, heal us from the wounds of sin, and deliver us from whatever hatred and bitterness is stored up in our hearts. Then he will take all that sin, hatred, and bitterness to the cross, where he will put it to death forever.

Today is the beginning of salvation for you and for everyone else, good guy and bad guy alike. So rejoice in this salvation and ask Jesus to help you love as he loves. Ask him to help you love everyone.

*“Praise to you, Jesus, for taking all my sins!”*

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## This Week’s Readings

<b>Sunday 13</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16,21-22
<b>Monday 14</b>	Heb 1:1-6 / Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday 17</b> <i>St. Anthony</i>	Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday 18</b>	Heb 4:1-5,11 / Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday 19</b>	Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday 20</b>	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

## Parish Calendar

January 6 – 13

### Sunday 13—The Baptism of the Lord

A second collection for Church Missions within the U.S. is taken at all Masses.

Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am in the N Street Bldg.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

RCIA Dismissal is held at the 11:30am Mass.

Always God’s Children meets at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

### Monday 14—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions during the hour.

The Cathedral Book Club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room.

RENEW meets at 7pm in the N Street Building.

### Tuesday 15—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

### Wednesday 16—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

RCIA Catechumenate meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Sacred Page meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

### Thursday 17—The rectory office closes at 4:30pm.

The Knights of Columbus meet in the West Conference Room at 7:30pm.

### Friday 18—A Rally for Life is held in the Cathedral beginning at 8:40am, followed at 10am by a Mass for Life celebrated by **Bishop Michael Fisher**, with Fr. Andrew Wakefield as homilist.

After the 10am Mass for Life, parishioners and friends gather in St. Anthony’s Chapel, then walk to the Rally and **March for Life** on the National Mall.

**There are no Confessions.**

### Sunday 20—Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes do not meet.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

RCIA Dismissal is held at the 11:30am Mass.

RENEW meets at 4pm in the East Conference Room.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

## Liturgy & Music

**Schola Cantorum: Winter Hiatus and Openings** – The *Schola Cantorum* will be on winter hiatus starting January 14, returning on Ash Wednesday, **March 6**, and the First Sunday of Lent, **March 10**.

There are a limited number of openings in the *Schola Cantorum* in all voice parts for experienced choral singers. Prospective singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm, in weeks when the choir is singing.

If you have the appropriate experience and a desire to serve our Cathedral parish community in this very special way, please contact the Director of Music Ministries, Tom Stehle, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

**Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions** – Our monthly [Eucharistic Holy Hour](#), normally held on the **third Monday of the month**, is rescheduled to **Monday, January 14**, 6-7pm, with confessions during the hour. All are welcome to come and spend a few moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. *Let us pray, one for the other.*

**New Liturgical Ministries Coordinators** – We are pleased to announce the appointment of new coordinators for our four liturgical ministries: **Sherri Hughes** (Lectors); **Kristine Dunne** (Communion Ministers/EMCs); **Mary Jane Molik** (Hospitality/Ushers); **Andre Mander** and **Andrea (Lily) Espinosa** (Servers). Each new coordinator has been active in his or her ministry as well as in other aspects of parish life, and brings much experience to this leadership role.

Our new leaders follow in the footsteps of their predecessor coordinators who have given many years of dedication to the ministries they led. So, it is with profound gratitude on behalf of the parish that we acknowledge and thank our previous leaders for their many years of service: **Elizabeth (Betty) Sullivan** (Lectors); **Karin Quiroga** (Servers); **Neal Osten** (Communion Ministers/EMCs) and **Dan Corrin** (Hospitality/Ushers). Their service, dedication and knowledge have been instrumental in enabling our parish community, as well as our many visitors, to participate more deeply in the celebration of our liturgies over the years, especially as the cathedral church of the archdiocese. We look forward to their continued service as liturgical ministers.

## News & Notes

*Thank you, muchas gracias, to all who donated towards our Christmas flower and plants or helped to decorate. As we prepared our hearts to welcome the Christ Child, so were we able to prepare the Cathedral.*



**Always God's Children** – [Always God's Children](#), the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **January 13** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**No Confessions January 18** – Confessions are cancelled on Friday, **January 18** due to the Rally and Mass for Life to be held in the Cathedral that day. See the flier in today's bulletin for information on opportunities to witness to life at events to be held at the Cathedral on the day of the March for Life, Friday, **January 18**.

**Federal Holiday** – Monday, **January 21** is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral will open at 7:30am and close at 1pm. Masses will be at 8am and 12:10pm with no confessions. The rectory office will be closed.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (**January 18-25**) is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." ([Deuteronomy 16:18-20](#)). These days are set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

**Catholic Business Network Breakfast** – Please join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. for the monthly breakfast and networking reception on Thursday, **January 31** from 8 to 9:30am in the Great Hall of St. Matthew's Cathedral. The guest speaker will be Susan Wranik, a speech-language pathologist. To register, visit [www.cbndc.org](http://www.cbndc.org) or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or [jsilvers@cbndc.org](mailto:jsilvers@cbndc.org).

**Pope Francis' January 2019 Prayer Intentions** – Please pray for [Pope Francis' January intention](#): that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**CATHEDRAL OF  
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Generous God,  
I give thanks to you for the gifts  
you have given me – life, family,  
friends, time, talents, and  
material possessions.  
All that I have comes from you.  
Help me to remember this and  
to rejoice in your goodness.  
Walk with me, my God.  
Help me on my spiritual  
journey, so that I may constantly  
renew my relationship with you  
and all the good people in St.  
Matthew's parish and  
throughout our community.  
Renew in me your Spirit.  
Give me the strength and  
courage to become a better  
follower of Jesus, to be a  
disciple.  
Help me to hear the call to  
"Come, follow me."  
I give glory to you, my God, as I  
make stewardship a way of life.  
Amen.

## Faith Formation

### Are You Thinking about Returning? Do You Think of Yourself as an Inactive Catholic?

– **Welcome!** If you are a Catholic  
who has been away, or "used to be  
Catholic," we invite you to be an



active part  
of us again.  
Landings  
offers "a  
safe place

to land," a place for listening and  
being heard, a place for asking  
questions and reconnecting with  
your faith as an adult. If you or  
someone you know may be  
interested, contact Theresa  
Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate  
for Faith Formation, at 202-587-  
5139 or  
[tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)  
for a welcoming interview.

**Cathedral Book Club** – Join us on  
Monday evening, **January 14** in the  
West Conference Room to discuss  
"Vatican II: A Universal Call to  
Holiness," edited by Anthony Ciorra  
and Michael W. Higgins. The book is  
a collection of reflections on the  
ways in which the conclusions of  
the Council might be marshaled to  
meet the needs of the 21st century.  
Topics include its vision for rulers,  
women, the suffering, artists, youth,  
workers, scientists, and finally,  
holiness for the world of today. The  
reflections of Massimo Faggioli, R.  
Scott Appleby, and Diana Hayes  
stand out, as well as a fine  
presentation by Sarah Heiman and  
Peter Denio, "To Youth."



**Gospel of  
Luke** – The  
next Bible  
Study with Fr.  
Jack Hurley

highlights the Gospel of Luke, which  
is the Gospel we frequently read  
from this year. On **February 2** and  
**March 12**, the topic will be  
Christ's ministry in Galilee and on  
the road to Jerusalem. On **March 16**  
and **30**, and **April 6**, the topic will  
be Holy Week. Bring your Bible and  
join us at 10:30am in the East  
Conference Room.

**God's Abiding Love Retreat -  
Register by January 20** – Holy  
Trinity Catholic Church offers an  
[Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life](#) with  
meetings at St. Matthew's. This is a  
week-long (**February 3 - 9**)  
individually directed retreat made  
at home for those who want an  
introduction to praying in the  
tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.  
Participants meet with a spiritual  
director at St. Matthew's Monday to  
Friday. Opening and closing  
sessions are at Holy Trinity in  
Georgetown. [View the brochure](#) or  
contact Martina O'Shea at  
[moshea@trinity.org](mailto:moshea@trinity.org) or 202-903-  
2810.

## Vocations

**Men's Discernment Retreat** – St.  
John Paul II Seminary invites men  
in their 20s to 40s who are  
interested in learning more about  
the priesthood to attend a  
discernment retreat, **February 1 -  
3**, led by priests of the Archdiocese  
of Washington at Saint John Paul II  
Seminary in Washington, DC. The  
weekend will be an opportunity to  
pray and reflect on God's call, meet  
priests and seminarians, hear their  
stories, and learn more about the  
seminary and priesthood. Register  
at [www.DCPriest.org](http://www.DCPriest.org) or contact the  
Office of Priest Vocations at 202-  
636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

## Social Justice

*Are you interested in learning more  
about our Social Justice &  
Community Service Ministries?  
Contact Norma Canedo, Coordinator  
for Social Justice & Community  
Services Ministries, at  
[ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

### Call for Volunteers for ESL & SSL Programs

**When?** **February 5 to May 15**  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays &  
Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm

**Where?** St. Matthew's Education  
Center, 1726 N St., NW

We need volunteers who can  
teach or tutor once a week. All  
volunteers are assigned to teach  
with a co-teacher. ESL classes  
are offered from Level 1 to Level  
5, and SSL classes from Level 1  
to Level 3. Tutors are asked to  
help at least once a week from 6  
to 6:30pm. Volunteer  
Orientation will be held on  
Wednesday, **January 30** at 7pm.  
Contact: Allison Theveny for ESL  
at [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com) or  
Carina Carrasco for SSL at  
[stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).



## Lecturas del 13 de Enero

**H**oy celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías nos habla de la presentación que Dios hace de su Siervo, cuya misión es establecer la justicia en medio de las naciones y que lo hará sin gritos, ni clamores, ni vociferando; lo hará abriendo los ojos a los ciegos, dando libertad a los presos y sacando a la luz a aquellos que viven en mazmorras de plena oscuridad.

Cabría preguntarse: ¿Me siento yo llamado por Dios? ¿Cómo he llegado a esa conclusión? ¿Cuál es mi misión? ¿Cómo lo sé? ¿Me he dejado transformar por el Señor?

Los historiadores nos dicen que en aquellos días había una gran expectación mesiánica. La gente estaba convencida de que el Mesías iba a venir pronto. Necesitaban esa esperanza para poder tolerar todas las injusticias que abundaban en aquellos momentos de la historia. Muchos llegaron a sospechar que posiblemente Juan, el predicador del desierto y sin pelos en la lengua, podría ser quien diera un vuelco a la sociedad para que se convirtiera y quedara libre de toda maldad.

Juan niega ser el Mesías y mientras bautizaba a cuantos a él se acercaban, llega Jesús y baja a las aguas del Jordán para recibir el bautismo y ser proclamado el predilecto, el amado, en una palabra, el Hijo de Dios Padre. Y en ese preciso momento en que se oye la voz de Dios, el Espíritu Santo baja del cielo y se posa sobre Jesús y el Mesías da comienzo a su misión y a restaurar la Alianza tantas veces infringida por el hombre.

Este mensaje de universalidad lo vemos plasmado en la conversión de Cornelio (segunda lectura) y que Pedro expresa con unas palabras que merecen ser escritas en piedra, y sobre todo en el corazón humano para que no las olvidemos: “Está claro que Dios no hace distinción entre las personas.” ¿Hacemos nosotros distinción entre las personas? En la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, sería bueno recordar nuestro propio Bautismo, y hacernos un profundo examen de conciencia acerca de nuestro compromiso bautismal.

*“Amado, Señor, permíteme ver con los ojos del alma si mi bautismo es bautismo solo de agua o del Espíritu Santo y fuego.”*

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## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo 13</b> <i>El Bautismo del Señor</i>	Is 42:1-4,6-7 / He 10:34-38 / Lc 3:15-16,21-22
<b>Lunes 14</b>	Heb 1:1-6 / Mc 1:14-20
<b>Martes 15</b>	Heb 2:5-12 / Mc 1:21-28
<b>Miércoles 16</b>	Heb 2:14-18 / Mc 1:29-39
<b>Jueves 17</b> <i>San Antonio</i>	Heb 3:7-14 / Mc 1:40-45
<b>Viernes 18</b>	Heb 4:1-5,11 / Mc 2:1-12
<b>Sábado 19</b>	Heb 4:12-16 / Mc 2:13-17
<b>Domingo 20</b>	Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

## Intenciones de Misas

### Mass Intentions

January 13 - 20

#### Sunday, January 13

5:30pm Vigil (January 12) – Anne Hucko  
7am – Msgr. Cartwright  
8:30am – Sharon Tambling  
10am – Maria Capitano  
11:30am – All Parishioners  
1pm – Francesco Frigerio  
5:30pm – Rose Coster

#### Monday, January 14

7am – Flor Urribarri  
8am – The Moglia Cousins  
12:10pm – Robert Logomasini (living)  
5:30pm – Marie Mocny

#### Tuesday, January 15

7am – Deceased of Halaby Family  
8am – Guy A. Giancarlo  
12:10pm – Soderberg Family (living)  
5:30pm – Elizabeth Kenner

#### Wednesday, January 16

7am – Donald Moen (living)  
8am – Byong Ki Lee  
12:10pm – Ronald Steffensen  
5:30pm – Roger Hasselm (living)

#### Thursday, January 17

7am – Alfonso & Mercedes de Araque  
8am – Jessica Ryan  
12:10pm – Neli Giliberto  
5:30pm – Joanne Rayeralt

#### Friday, January 18

7am – Fausto Rios  
8am – Purita Bautista  
12:10pm – Berner Hernandez  
5:30pm – Pedro Soc

#### Saturday, January 19

8am – Deceased of Racine Family  
12:10pm – Robert Evans  
5:30pm – Clemencia Rodriguez

#### Sunday, January 20

7am – All Parishioners  
10am – Andrew Bancewicz  
11:30am – Margery Ethel Shnkle  
1pm – Janet Torres  
5:30pm – Joanne Joyce (Derba)

*Para ofrecer una intención de misa, deberá hablar con nuestra recepcionista en la rectoría. No hay cuota, pero una ofrenda es habitual. Fechas especiales tienen que reservarse con antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español*

*To arrange a **Mass intention**, speak to our rectory receptionist. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.*

## Noticias de la Parroquia

### ¡BIENVENIDOS!

*Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!*

**Anuncio de Ministerios Litúrgicos** – Nos complace anunciar el nombramiento de nuevos coordinadores para nuestros cuatro ministerios litúrgicos: **Sherri Hughes** (lectores); **Kristine Dunne** (ministros de comunión/EMC); **Mary Jane Molik** (hospitalidad/ujieres); **Andre Mander y Andrea (Lily) Espinosa** (servidores del altar). Cada uno de los nuevos coordinadores han participado en sus ministerios por un periodo de tiempo, así como en otros aspectos de la vida parroquial y traen mucha experiencia en su papel de líderes.

Siguen los pasos de sus coordinadores anteriores que dieron muchos años de dedicación y liderazgo a los ministerios que coordinaron. Por lo tanto, con profunda gratitud en nombre de la parroquia queremos reconocer sus muchos años de servicio en los ministerios que sirvieron, particularmente a: **Elizabeth (Betty) Sullivan** (lectores); **Karin Quiroga** (servidores); **Neal Osten** (comunión EMCs) y **Dan Corrin** (hospitalidad/ujieres). Su servicio, dedicación y conocimiento ha sido fundamental para nuestra comunidad parroquial y para los muchos visitantes participando profundamente en nuestras liturgias a través del año, especialmente como la iglesia catedral de la Arquidiócesis. Esperamos con anticipación su continuo servicio como ministros litúrgicos.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento** – Les invitamos a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo **normalmente es el tercer lunes del mes, este mes será el segundo lunes 14 de enero**, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, confesiones durante la hora. Venga y pase unos momentos con nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento.

**Intenciones de Oración del Papa Francisco para enero 2019** – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del Papa Francisco este mes:

por los jóvenes, especialmente los de América Latina, para que, siguiendo el ejemplo de María, respondan a la llamada del Señor para comunicar al mundo la alegría del Evangelio.

**No hay confesiones el 18 de Enero** – Debido a la Misa y Marcha por la Vida las confesiones se han cancelado, para más información sobre este evento vea el inserto en el boletín.

### **Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos**

– El tema de la semana de oración este año por la Unidad de los Cristianos (18-25 de enero) es "actúa siempre con toda justicia." (Deuteronomio 16:18-20). Estos días se reservan cada año para que los cristianos de todo el mundo puede compartir la oración de Jesús: "que todos sean uno... que el mundo crea" (John 17:21).

**Fiesta Federal** – Este lunes, **21 de enero**, es el Día de Martín Luther King, Jr. fiesta Federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8:00 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas.

### **Voluntarios para los Programas de Lenguaje para Adultos**

**¿Cuándo?** **5 de febrero al 15 de mayo**, martes, miércoles y jueves por la tarde de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde

**¿Dónde?** St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 de la calle N, al Noroeste

Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan comprometerse a enseñar o ser tutores una noche a la semana. Los voluntarios serán asignados a enseñar una vez a la semana con otro maestro. Las clases de inglés (ESL) empiezan del nivel 1 al 5, las clases de español (SSL) empiezan del nivel 1 al 3. Se les pide a los tutores que ayuden una noche a la semana de 6:00 a 6:30 de la tarde. La reunión de orientación para voluntarios será el **30 de enero** a las 7:00 de la tarde. Pónganse en contacto con Alison Theveny (ESL) [stmattsesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsesl@gmail.com) o con Carina Carrasco (SSL) [stmattsssl@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsssl@gmail.com).

**Grupo de Oración** – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tendrá charlas programadas a través del año. Para más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x541.